



## Gilbert LaFontaine

April 18, 1918 - December 26, 2012

### GILBERT J. LAFONTAINE

Deerfield Plantation, Surfside Beach

Gilbert J. LaFontaine of 1785 Gibson Avenue, died peacefully on December 26 at the Tideland Hospice. He was born on April 18 1918 in Montreal, Quebec, Canada and was the husband of the late Jeannine LaFontaine and son of the late Albert and Lillian Lafontaine. He is survived by his dear companion Louise Rivest, one brother (Gerry) and two sisters (Helen Riopel-Lafontaine and Estelle) as well as numerous nieces and nephews. A graduate of the University of Montreal, he joined the Canadian army in May 1942 and served until February 1967. During WWII, he was on loan to the British army and received a distinguished service award from the King of England. He served in England, France, Belgium, Indo-China and was a proud veteran of the Korean War. During his career in the army, he was assigned as Officer in Charge of Labor Units, Secretary to the Officers Mess, and Controller for the International Commission. His latest assignment was at the Canadian Embassy in Washington where he was accredited to the Pentagon with an honourable release from the Canadian army as a Major General. Upon completion of his military service, he worked as the Controller of the George Washington University for four years and in 1970 he was appointed Deputy Director of Finance for the County of Fairfax Virginia until his retirement in 1986. Gilbert was a former member of the National Society of Public Accountants of Virginia and a member of the Municipal Finance

Officers Association. He was a former honorary member of the Myrtle Beach AFB for his long history of supporting the United States department of defense missions from Vietnam to the Pentagon. He was also a member of the VFW post 10420 and the Moose Lodge #2351. Gilbert was an avid tennis player and a golfer with four "Hole in one" under his hat. Gilbert was a volunteer tax adviser for VITA , volunteered at the library and a devoted volunteer for mobile meals for Helping Hands. He lived life to its fullest and life has been good to him. In return, he is donating his body to the MUSC for research and possibly for future advancement in the medical field so others can benefit. Many thanks for the exceptional care from the Grand Strand Medical Team and the support and care from Agap and Tidelands Hospices. He was a perfectionist with a generous heart and will be missed by all. A memorial service will be held at St-Michael's Catholic Church 542 Cypress Avenue, Garden City at 9:30 AM, Friday, January 25, 2013. Donations may be made to Helping Hands of South Strand, PO Box 165968, Surfside Beach, SC 29587 or Tidelands Hospice, 2591 N. Fraser St., Georgetown, SC 29540.

Sign a guestbook at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 25. 9:30 AM (ET)

St Michael Catholic Church  
542 Cypress Ave  
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576  
(843) 651-3737

# Tribute Wall

LC

“ Louise Cross lit a candle in memory of Gilbert LaFontaine



Louise Cross - February 09, 2013 at 04:04 PM

BY

“ Gil's friends here in Warrenton have many wonderful memories of fun parties, tennis games and beach trips. We are so delighted Gil lived such a long and happy life Although Gil and Jan left here many years ago, we were able to keep in touch until just a few years ago when Gil's Christmas cards stopped coming.

We send our deepest sympathy to the family. We loved Gil, too.

Love, Phil and Bobbi Yates

Barbara Yates - January 22, 2013 at 12:00 PM

GL

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Gilbert Lafontaine - December 30, 2012 at 03:51 PM

BB

Nice photo of you both. He will be deeply missed. Bunny.

Bunny Basler - January 12, 2013 at 07:57 PM

SB

“ To the La Fontaine Family:

*As you celebrate a life well-loved and lived (94yrs), may your hearts be joyful as you recall all the “happy” times you shared together.  
(Psalm 90:10)*

*My condolences,  
SJB.*

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**S.J. BROWN** - December 28, 2012 at 06:56 PM